

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the aforementioned non-final Office Action dated March 9, 2006. By this communication, claims 1, 3, and 11 have been amended for clarity. Claims 1-11 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-11 contain allowable subject matter. Based on the enclosed Amendment and comments provided below, Applicant submits that claims 1-11 are allowable.

Claim Objections

Claims 2-9 were rejected to because of alleged informalities. Applicant has amended these claims to address the Examiner's concerns. Applicant requests the objection to claims 2-9 be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.¹ Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution, claims 1-11 have been amended to address the Examiner's concerns. Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

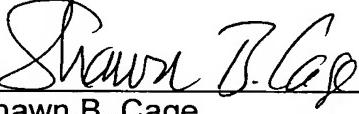
¹ In paragraph 5 on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-12 were rejected under §112, second paragraph. Because claims 1-11 were originally filed and no other claims have been added by amendment, the indication of rejected claim 12 is in error. This error notwithstanding, and in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicant has responded to the rejection based on the current claims of record.

Conclusion

Based on at least the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-11 are allowable, and this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a favorable examination and consideration of the instant application. In the event the instant application can be placed in even better form, Applicant requests that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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